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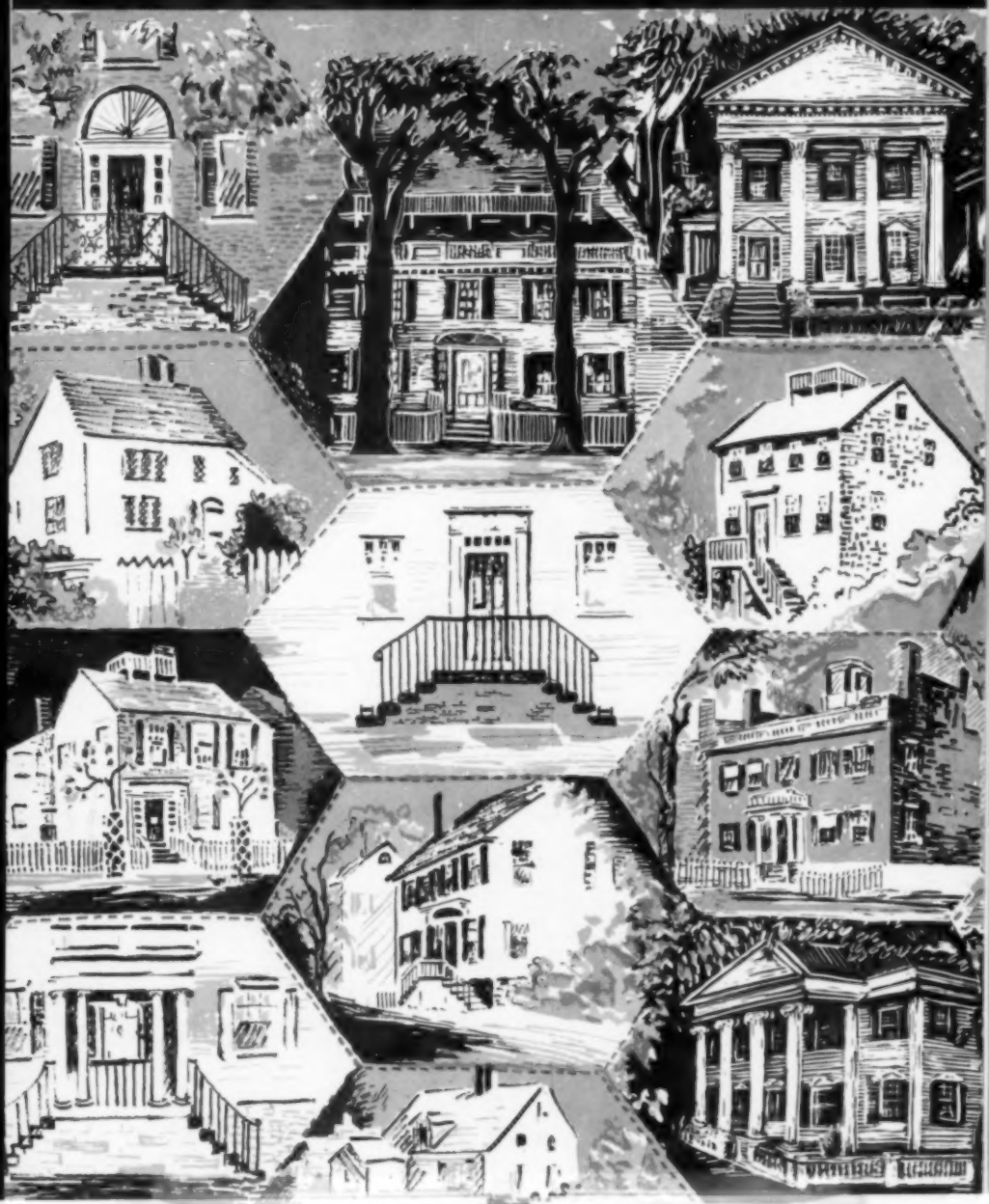

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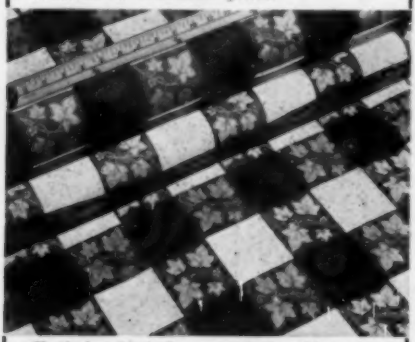

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My story can also provide an explanation why this Newfoundland dog was found swimming about three hundred miles from the nearest land when sighted and picked up by a Gloucester Schooner homeward bound from the Banks on an early spring day "near the turn of the century."

It would be about sixty years ago now, when I was a lad around four years old, that my father, who was then skipper of a trawl fishing schooner sailing out of Mahone Bay on the east coast of Nova Scotia, brought a Newfoundland puppy home to me.

The dog had a black curly pelt with white patches. As he grew up we were inseparable, and before long he was bigger and heavier than I was.

About the time he was fully grown, I ventured upon some young ice in a cove near our home, broke through into salt water over my depth, and was taken safely ashore by Prince who immediately jumped in beside me and took hold of my sweater at the shoulder. (I still remember it was a very nice gray one that I liked very much.)

That winter, boys on their way to and from the one room country school at Indian Point, which is a small community on the shore of Mahone Bay and where our home was, would sometimes throw snow balls at the dog on the other side of the picket fence in front of our home. Prince probably thought it was a kind of game and that he was expected to retrieve them as when I threw sticks into the water for him to get.

Naturally he would bark sometimes, and when he did it was like a lion talking. This alarmed the little girls who were also attending the school, and soon their mothers were expressing concern.

To ease the situation, my father permitted an uncle to take the dog with him on a schooner that was about to sail to the West Indies with a cargo of dried fish and bring back salt from Turks Island.

Some weeks later we received a letter from my uncle informing us that the dog was lost overboard during a storm. He also told us that they all wanted to turn back and get the dog as they could see him following in the wake of the ship as far back as they could see, but the captain thought they might endanger the vessel and crew to do so as the schooner was old and heavily loaded.

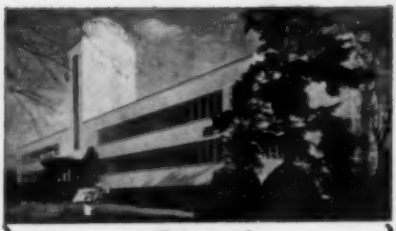
I doubt if I could find out any more just where and when this occurred, because as far as I know, the folks who might know are all gone by now. (So is the new puppy I was given soon afterward.)

As the courses these two schooners would be taking would cross, it seems quite probable that this could be the same dog. He would have been still young and a sharp swimmer.

Maybe the old-timers around Gloucester will agree with me that it could have been the same dog.

At any rate I shall always be glad for having run into Mr. Stockbridge's story, for I can feel now that my dog was not lost at sea after all, but found new friends and had a good home somewhere in that fine old Gloucester area.

—O. M. Mosher



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Have all kinds of clothing. Mens, boys, ladies, infants, little girls. Would like contacts with thrift shops or what do you have? AU201 N.Y.

Want Windmill. What do you want in swop? AU202 Mass.

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Will swop, bisque figurines, toby jugs, pewter, limoge or Haviland china plates. Also, Empire console card table for lift top commodes, or what have you? AU205 Me.

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Have two lots in Las Vegas, one right across from the "Show Boat" the other in East Las Vegas, what am I offered for them? AU209 Calif.

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Have a box of slightly used costume jewelry, 100 Xmas cards (used) for collectors. Want old stick pins, foreign or folk dolls, pewter plate, or milk glass. AU211 Mass.

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Send for my swop list of about 75 items, along with your swop list. AU214 Mass.

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Will swop one, two horse mowing machine (John Deering #3) and one, two horse hay rake both in good condition for two non milking cows. AU217 N.Y.

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Want to swop for (what do you want) milk glass chandelier globe size 5 13/16" high top opening 3¼" bottom, botton opening 3¾", diameter at center 7". AU219 N.Y.

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AUGUST IS AS FILLED with things to do as a pudding with plums, in the good old New England tradition. There are to be, for example, probably more than a hundred Old Home Week observances in New Hampshire alone, the dates running roughly from August 17th to 25th. Some communities take up all the time possible, others confine themselves to single-day celebrations. Either way, Old Home Week festivities are becoming more and more popular, with many families choosing them as suitable framework for family reunions, held on the spot where it all started.

A quick run-through of just a scattering of the dates established here and there for this busy month: The Porter, Maine, Sesquicentennial is scheduled for August 3rd and 4th in the village of Kezar Falls . . . Sailing races on Winnipesaukee set for August 4th, August 11th, and August 18th . . . A two-day archery tournament, State Championship, with the Suncook Bowmen as hosts, in Bear Brook State Park (New Hampshire) August 3rd and 4th . . . On August 9th (8:00 p.m.) a lecture-concert entitled "American Jazz and American Freedom," featuring the Rev. Alvin L. Kershaw, jazz expert, and Eli's Chosen Six in the Old Meeting House, Francestown, New Hampshire . . .

From August 12th to 16th, Chatham, Massachusetts, will repeat its popular all-New England antiques show . . . In Bristol, Rhode Island, look for the Third Annual Quahaugers Derby, on August 14th . . . Antique Car enthusiasts: The Antique Auto Parade will be held on August 4th in Esmond, Rhode Island, the Antique Auto Meet on August 18th in Bristol, same state . . . August in Vermont is sprinkled with Old Home Days, with

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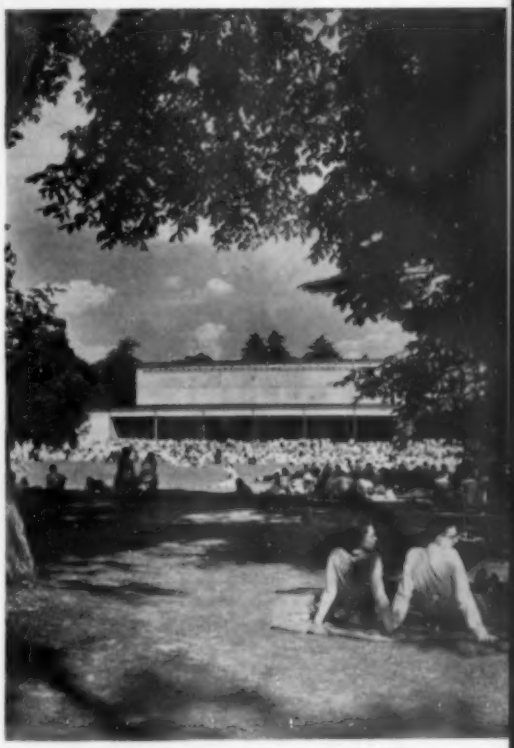
occasional horse shows (South Woodstock, August 2-4); Arlington, Stowe and Bradford, all on the 11th; Stowe, 18th; Windsor, 24th, 25th; Bennington, 25th and with such special events as the 8th Annual Smorgasbord Supper in Ludlow on the 22nd, Square Dance Festival in Brandon on the 6th, and the Battle Day Celebration in Bennington, 16th to 18th. The now-famous Cracker Barrel Bazaar's companion piece, the Cracker Barrel Art Show, runs from July 31st through August 11th, in Newbury, Vermont.

The State of Maine Writers' Conference is scheduled for August 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, at Ocean Park. Chairman this year is Dan Kelly, 37 Stone Street, Augusta. For accommodations, write to the Ocean Park Hotel, Ocean Park, Maine. And the Bread Loaf Conference in Middlebury, Vermont, runs from August 14th through the 27th. If you're near Franconia, New Hampshire, look in on the Neighborhood Art Show in the Town Hall, August 15th to 18th, and from the 20th to the 26th there's the Franconia Notch Art Show, at Franconia Notch. New Hampshire has horse shows to offer too: Gymkhana, N Bar H Riding Club, Mrs. Audrey R. Fisher, Gonic, Rte 1,



Above right: Music lovers from all over New England flock to Tanglewood in the Berkshires. Music Shed is in the background. Below: The Gold Coast Restaurant.

August 4th; Class C, Mt. Washington Hotel, A. D. White, Bretton Woods Stables, Bretton Woods, August 4th; Class C Show and Gymkhana, Merrimack Trail Riders, Concord, August 11th; Class A, Plymouth Fair, Leonard Tatham, Ashland, Mgr., August 25th; And August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, Class A, Lancaster Fair, Mrs. Elaine Allin, Lancaster, Mgr.

And of course—summer theatres, dance festivals, concerts under the stars—August-in-New-England is filled with 'em!

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Along the handcraft line, "Hands in New Hampshire" will be the theme of the 24th annual Craftsman's Fair of the League of New Hampshire Arts and Crafts to be held in Gilford, New Hampshire, August 6th through 10th at the Belknap Mountains Recreation Area. Exhibited for you will

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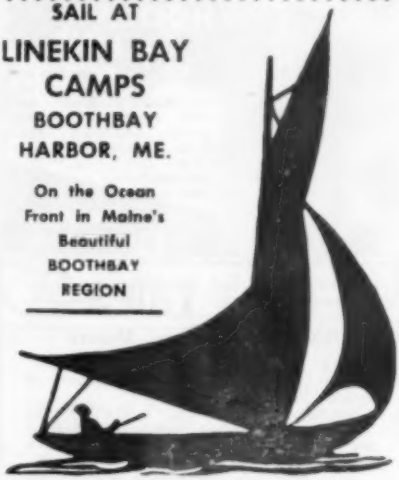

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The Hogback Mountain Gift Shop, on Route 9 between Brattleboro and Beninngton, Vermont has just purchased the famous Luman Nelson Wildlife Museum, formerly located in Winchester, New Hampshire. Mr. Nelson, now 83 years old, is a master taxidermist and has made a collection of stuffed animals representing just about every species native to New England. Sounds interesting, and we plan to take a spin over to Hogback to see it very soon.

In cooperation with The New Hampshire Plant Growers Association, Pine Island Park in Manchester, New Hampshire is presenting New Hampshire's First Annual Flower Show. The dates have been set for August 23rd - 25th. There will be exhibits by Plant Growers, Federated Garden Clubs, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and individual growers. Sounds like fun!

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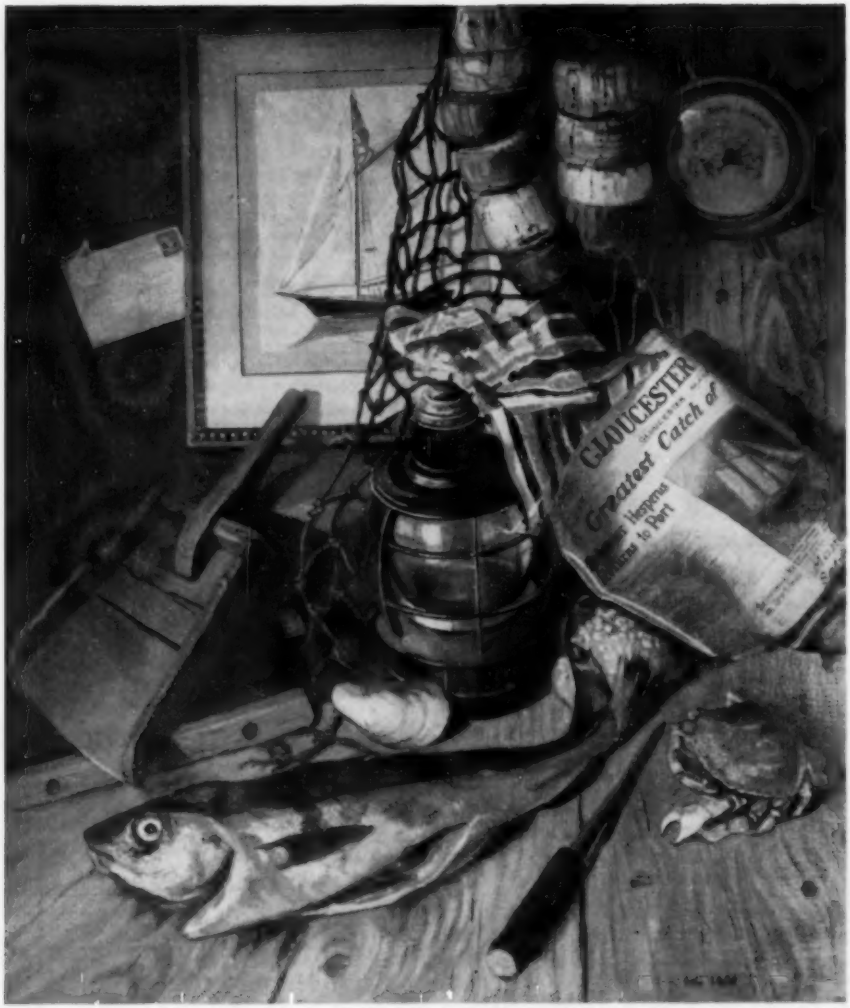
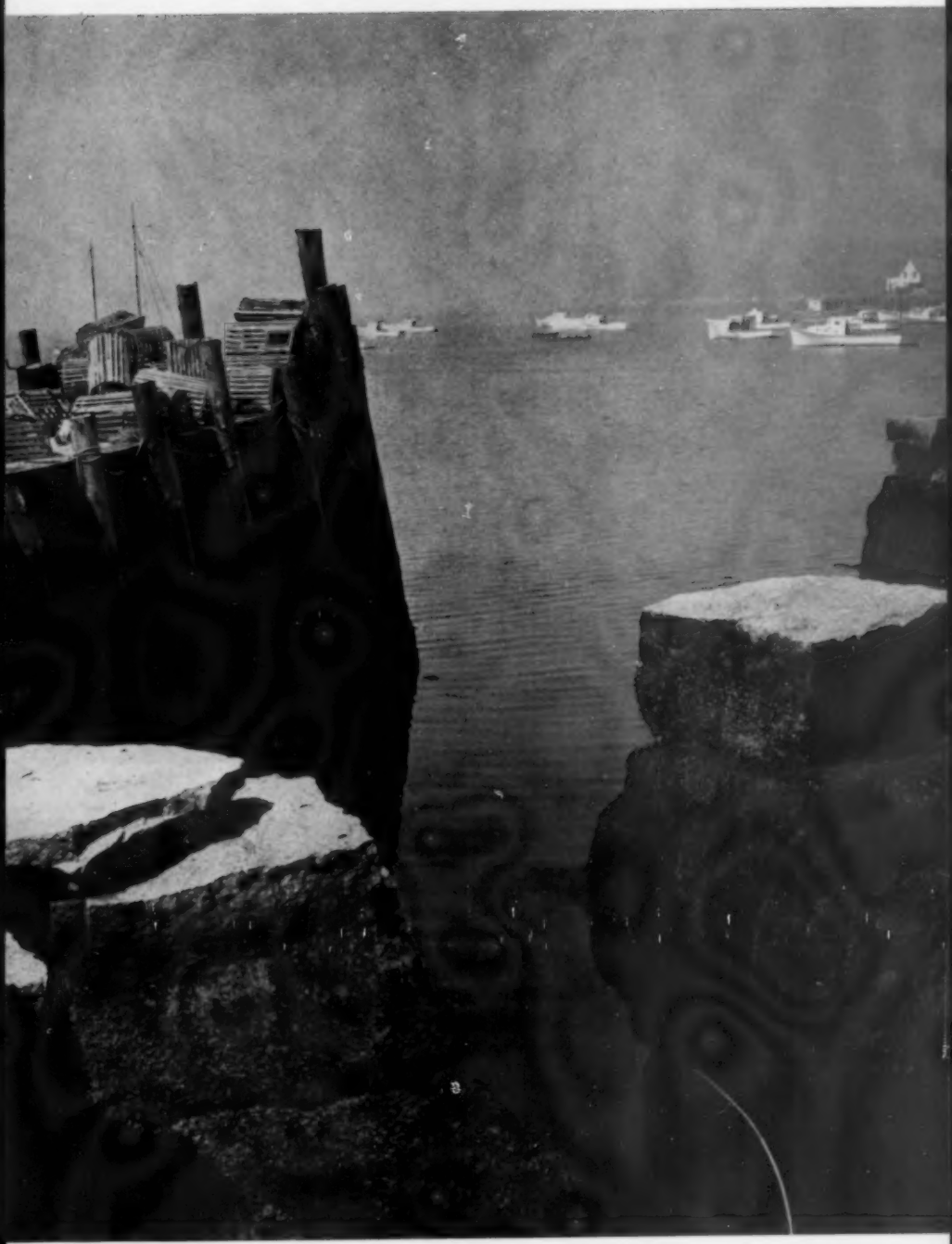


Courtesy North Shore Arts Association

Above: "The Gloucester Story" by Arthur R. Safford.

Right: Granite Dock, Vinalhaven, Maine.

Seacoast in Summer



Left: Me and My Shadow.
Candlewood Lake, Connecticut

Opposite, bottom: Hauling in
the Net. Off Rockland, Maine

Harbor View.
Monhegan Island, Maine

THE YANKEE

by Joseph G. Barnes

LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL section of Fairfield is a combination shop-studio which is an almost exact counterpart of the small shops which Colonial craftsmen operated in this part of Connecticut. When a visitor first enters the shop of Andrew Tucker & Sons Studio he is greeted by what appears to be a complete confusion of sounds, smells and the sight of hand-made metal products hanging from every conceivable point and piled helter-skelter on the floor. It is only after spending a short time that the visitor realizes there is method here and that all the things hanging from the walls and ceiling are in various states of completion.

If he watches the man at one of the benches hammering away at small pieces of copper with a mallet and tool, he realizes after a few minutes that these pieces of copper are becoming leaves for the branches of the candelabra hanging over there which will eventually become an exact reproduction of an original in the museum at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Or, if he is attracted by the sound of a hammer ringing on iron he will observe the blacksmith skillfully forming a glowing rod of iron into a delicate scroll. From time to time the blacksmith holds the scroll up in the air to gauge the curve and the visitor sees that it is being made to support the ancient appearing pierced Paul Revere lantern hanging from a rafter and which was made only last week.

Perhaps after a few minutes of watching the blacksmith, the visitor's attention would be drawn to a corner of the shop where he would see another worker busily pounding sand into what appears to be an oblong wooden box. While he watches, he would see the two halves of the box very carefully separated and the pattern removed from between them. This man is a molder and he is making a sand mold from one of the original Tucker patterns. This pattern the visitor can see is, of all things, a large grasshopper. His curiosity is satisfied when the molder completes the rest of the molds. It is a grasshopper weathervane and it was inspired by the one Bostonians see every day on top of Faneuil Hall.

If the visitor continued his tour and went to the opposite corner he could watch another copper knocker at a bench soldering pieces of angled and

Lamps, lanterns, weather vanes and delicate scrollwork all come from this tiny shop.

formed copper or brass together. As he watches, the shape of an early American lighting fixture takes form under the hands of the craftsman. This one might be a lead-coated-copper reproduction of a whale oil chandelier to be used in a contemporary kitchen, or perhaps it will be a Colonial post light inspired by one of the original Fairfield lights, or it could be any one of the scores of hand-made lighting fixtures which have been the specialty of the Tucker family. It is a fascinating process for the visitor to watch the shape of the lamp develop, but there are other things to see.

The visitor could continue watching the work in the shop progress; the old brass andirons being polished and buffed, the copper being stained and lacquered, the antique pewter finish being rubbed into weathervanes and lamps, but he chooses instead to pass into the studio where Tucker's custom designs originate.

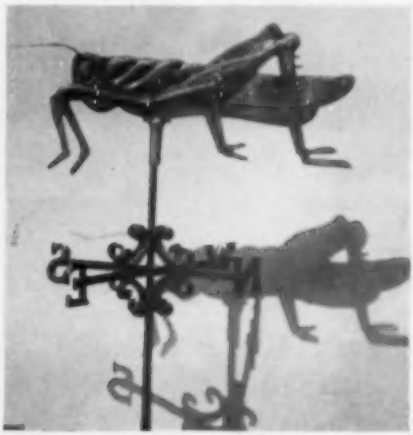
Here, Mr. Irwin Tucker, the present head of the company, a graduate of the National Academy of Design and the Yale School of Fine Arts, designs and models the products to be made by the copper knockers in the shop. The studio resembles the shop with a confusion of shapes and forms and of incomplete works. For instance, the clay plaque leaning against the files is the seal of the Town of Trumbull which was carved in limestone on the new Town Hall; the clay madonna is to be carved in wood for a private shrine; the incomplete head of Johnny Tucker in clay; the multitude of lamps hanging from the walls and ceiling; every square inch of the studio testifies to years of activity. The piles of sketches and the hundreds of parts are each separate entities with an interesting story.

"Ike" Tucker will stop work on his current project to greet the visitor and take a few minutes to show him a number of the items that are of particular interest. Inevitably the visitor will express surprise at finding such a place in modern New England and invariably Ike will reply, as have so many Yankee craftsmen, "Well, I don't expect to die a millionaire, but we sure enjoy it all."

Indeed, as long as this attitude of pride and pleasure in creativity exist in New England, the tradition of handcraftmanship will survive.

COPPER KNOCKERS

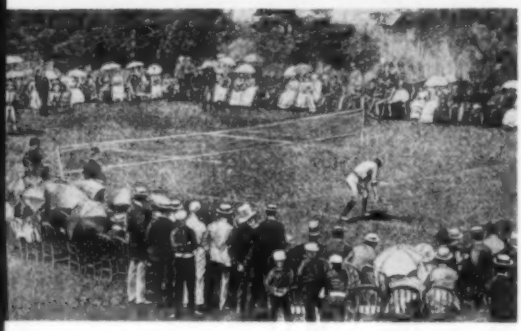
Irwin Tucker models a statue for a fountain. Right: Faneuil Hall grasshopper replica.



Ashley Cooper and Hamilton Richardson, far court, vause is out in the semi-finals. Richardson won, but lost the tournament to Australian champion Kenneth Rosewall.

Tennis

Above: James H. Van Alen, President of the Casino. Below: A tournament in 1881.



ON AUGUST 18TH LAST year, tennis enthusiasts gathered at Newport, Rhode Island's famed Casino to see the final matches of this club's seventy-fifth annual tournament. Out of some seventy-eight entries in the singles the only American to gain the semi-finals was Baton Rouge born Hamilton Richardson. And he, even he, twice champion here as well as Davis cup team member succumbed in the finals to the Australian star, Ken Rosewall. With our leading players turning professional almost as soon as they become champions, America cannot be said to rule as it once did, the tennis courts. This was brought strongly into focus at this tournament. For James H. Van Alen, President of the Casino, made this Jubilee an occasion also for celebrating a reenactment of this club's 1881 singles and doubles finals. Whitney Reed, Crawford Henry, John Lesch and Straight Clark (future stars) donned

Jubilee

A bevy of beauties, dressed in Victorian costume, are drawn into the arena in a coach. The horse, unaccustomed to such antics, shied and broke his traces before the applauding crowd. Below: Dressed in Gay Nineties sports clothes and mustache, Crawford Henry demonstrates the underhand serve—overhand serving being outlawed.

white duck pants, striped blazers, caps, and even handlebarred mustachios to portray how the very earliest champions Richard D. Sears and W. E. Glynn had played singles; how Clarence M. Clark, F. W. Clark, A. Van Rensselaer, and A. E. Newbold had performed in doubles. In those early days, volleying was not allowed, nor was the overhead serve. But there was plenty of exercise, apparently, in running around the ball.

Mr. Van Alen, in a speech too long to be reprinted here, amused the crowded galleries and boxholders with reminiscences of old time court etiquette. After that, he singled out six former tennis stars for admission to the Casino's Hall of Fame: William J. Clothier, national singles champion in 1906; Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, first American Woman's World Champion, 1905; Dwight F. Davis, donor of the Davis cup; Beales C. Wright, national singles champion 1905,

William A. Larned, seven times national singles champion and Holcombe Ward, champion in 1904 and member of the first Davis cup team.

This Hall of Fame at the Casino, directed by Henry Hefferman, borders on a circular court at the entrance to the club. On this particular day its many interesting photographs and trophies were open to the public view.

Unusual interest also attended six Social Registerite Newport Society leaders, unhappily warm in 1880 costumes loaned by Mrs. Oliver Cushman. As the Cooper-Richardson match went much farther than anybody thought it would these patient ladies had to wait for what must have seemed hours off-court for

their cue to appear in a horse drawn coach for all to see. One by one, President Van Alen welcomed them courtside: Mrs. Snelling R. Brainard, the former Tatiana Holmsen; Miss E. Anne Archbold; Mrs. Thomas Blake; Mrs. James H. Van Alen, the former Candace Aliq; Miss Cassandra Van Alen, daughter of the William L. Van Alens and Mrs. Edward Behn.

The history of the Newport Casino, a long and fascinating one, contains many a discouraging chapter but none more so than during the recent decade. Problems of what to do about the old fashioned wooden buildings have been especially worrisome. But at a time like this Jubilee, the jointure of new and old seemed a happy one.

Opposite page: a little girl, trying to be blase, makes sure the photographer is taking her picture. The Casino's Hall of Fame attracted many interested tennis fans. Six former tennis stars were admitted on this day. Two of them, Mrs. Mary Sutton Bundy, 1st American to win the world championship, in 1905, and William J. Clothier, national singles champion in 1906 pose for their pictures. Clothier was praised by President Van Alen "for making the Hall of Fame possible and housing it at the Casino."

Right: Mrs. Snelling R. Brainard was the hit of the show in her beautiful costume.

Number, Please?

by VIRGINIA F. MCGILL

"LOOK! THERE THEY COME!" cried an exultant watcher, pointing to three specks against a pure white cloud. A group of twelve earth bound beings rose and stared eagerly. Sure enough, three tiny birds came winging toward the island shore. Theirs was not the easy sweeping motion of the sea bird; their flight was labored, like that of butterflies in a storm wind. However, as the warm air-currents from the land reached out to greet them, the birds relaxed; they spread their wings to meet the up-drafts; and three excited homing pigeons swept in. Their daily stint was done. Once—twice—three times, they circled the familiar flagpole on the lawn; then, with precision, popped through through the swinging window gate under the hotel gable, and disappeared from view.

This gable was one of those on the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island at the Isle of Shoals, ten miles off the coast of New Hampshire. The old building had been erected in 1876, the very year that Alexander Graham Bell produced his telephone. But this little pigeon-drama is no relic of the distant past; it is an innovation of the later 1950's. For, while Bell's invention has not yet reached the Oceanic, in its place since 1955 there have been the birds.

In the Before Carrier Pigeons era, 1847-1954, the Oceanic Hotel would never know how many might sit down for lunch; the 200 registered guests, of course, but how many from the boat?

And then — the boat would arrive. Sixty-two ravenous transients disembark. They are a club, bent on an outing in spite of the rainy weather. "Just here for lunch" announces their spokesman, gaily. The hostess seats them, quickly confers with a couple of waitresses, and flies to the kitchen.

"Who would have dreamed it—on a day like this!" she moans to the kitchen staff. The chef replies with a grin, "You don't have to be crazy to work here, but it helps." And then, in customary high spirits, he and the whole kitchen crew pitch in to meet the emergency. Someone says.

"Isn't there some way?—I mean, it's great not having telephones out here and all that, but—"

"What we need is carrier pigeons," sighs the hostess. But her remark was neither meant nor taken seriously, and the conversation usually shifted to other subjects.

Then came 1954, late in August. A delegate to the Layman's Conference stepped off the boat, carrying a small case by the handle. The delegate moved with the other guests up the board walk to the hotel steps. There he stopped; he opened his little case; and—yes, you've guessed it. Out came a bird. Up it flew, drawing an S-curve against the sky, then headed off toward the distant mainland.

After lunch, the hotel hostess cornered him in the dining room and popped the question.

"Of *course* you could use pigeons," he replied. "It might be a little hard to train young birds to fly over so much water, without older birds to guide them. But it's not impossible. Well worth a try, I'd say."

"We'd send them in each day on the morning boat, and—"

"That's right. Then your hotel messenger, who goes in to do your errands in

Portsmouth, could ask the outgoing passengers, as they boarded the boat, how many wanted luncheon at the hotel. At sailing time, he could release the pigeons with the information. He'd put his messages in little capsules attached to the birds' legs."

So "Operation Star Island" was born—named for the island with the hotel and the pigeon loft. Mr. Philip Wilcox, of the agricultural staff at the University of New Hampshire, made good his promises and persuaded his friend, Dr. Clifford Rounsefell of Kensington, to breed the necessary carriers.

It is now mid-June of 1955, the week before the hotel is to open. Upstairs, the window of a choice little guest room is barred with a special gate. Behind this gate, huddled together on the floor, are five squeakers, three weeks old, and one slightly older bird. Beside them is the open, straw-filled box in which they came; at the moment, this box is "home." The world outside is strange, and they shiver with fright.

A week after their arrival, the hostess entered the pigeon-loft, raised the window-bars, and opened the window itself. Squarely in her face, the sun was setting. Below her was a graveyard dating from the island's pirate days; the slabs of slate, at crazy angles, cast long shadows across the grass. Darkness gathered too in the pockets of the rocks beyond, and soon would settle on the ten-mile path of ocean that was sparkling still.

The hostess retreated from the loft and spied through a crack in the door. She watched the oldest bird fly out and away—never to return. She saw the squeakers, one by one, waddle toward the window, flutter onto the sill, and peck nervously at the grain while glancing sidelong at the onrushing night. They finished quickly, and flapped their way to their perches against the wall—at home once more.

After seven days of such limited experimentation, they began their serious flight-training with a longer flight each day: from the far end of Star Island (a quarter-mile), from the southwest point of Appledore Island (one mile), and from ever greater distances on the route to Portsmouth. Eventually the birds were carried to the Portsmouth wharf, twelve miles away, where they were to take off regularly with the hotel messages. Up to this point, flight-training progressed without a hitch.

Was it the radar from the Navy Yard that now confused them? Or were they deflected by the appeal of trees, quite unkonwn on their rocky island? For, when released from their traveling-case, the pigeons circled once, then headed inland and out of sight.

The dining room hostess took the inevitable ribbing with a smile, but was more than a little disappointed. Like the rest of the staff, she assumed that the birds were lost, and that the messenger project was done for. But three days later, just at sunset, her pigeons once again pushed through the window gate, back into their hotel guest room.

After an interval of a day, the project was launched again. It seemed only prudent to decrease the temptations of the mainland; although the guests were counted as the boat sailed, the pigeons and their messages were not released this time until the little ship had cleared the three miles of river and hit the open sea. From this point and from that date, the birds flew daily—alone, in pairs, or as a flock—with almost complete success. They even poked their way through rain and fog. One pigeon was lost *en route*—perhaps the victim of a hawk; another, just outside the loft, fell prey to an island cat. But at the season's close, three wise old birds remained—experienced in the ways of the sea, and ready to train the rookies of the following spring.

On rare days of severe weather, when the operation is suspended, the hotel staff must resort once more to guess-work, and the hour of tension returns. On occasion, too, in fair weather, when the pigeons are back and the message is already delivered, the chef, "for old time's sake," delays the preparation of the "extras," and so creates the traditional last-minute rush. With a chuckle, he explains:

"We mustn't get soft out here; who knows?—someday we may have to eat those birds!"

New England Weather Net

by GERTRUDE B. FOSTER

Chet Crosby on his boat.

Philip Foster measures rainfall.

Above: Burns Robinson.
Below: Steve Rogers.

CALLING THE NEW ENGLAND Weather Net. This is W-1-B-N-W, located at Osterville, Massachusetts, Net Control for the New England Weather Net which meets every weekday morning from 6:30 to 7 a.m. on 3900 kilocycles—This is W1 Baker Nancy William."

Thus, every weekday, begins an exchange of weather data from all over New England on 80 meter short wave by amateur radio operators. It had a modest beginning on December 15th, 1955, when "Chet" Crosby on Cape Cod, and "Doc" (The old Tooth-Carpenter) Burgess of Newton, Mass. were having one of their QSO's.

In the year and a half they have been organized, the personalities of the two chief Net Controls have become well known to short wave radio listeners as well as Ham operators. Using first names in typical amateur radio fashion, Chet or Doc or one of the other members-in-charge for the day (Net Control) calls the roll. As each man gives his weather conditions such comments as 'the robins are wearing rubbers down here' may lead "Burns" (the old cartoonist) up in Vermont to claim that the robins around Brattleboro take flapjacks and strap them to their feet when they return too early in the spring. An exchange like this may

Burns Robinson's cartoon of Doc Burgess.

inspire him to draw a cartoon of the birds or even one of the other members. The next few days comment's will include a number of "Hi, Hi's" (short wave language for a laughing sound which is not especially euphonious on the air) as different members receive the drawing in the mail.

Not everyone has professional meteorological equipment. "Amos" in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, has been accused of judging his 'no perceptible wind' by a towel on the clothes line. When others feared he might not notice that it was frozen, he shifted his observations to a factory smoke stack two miles away to determine wind direction.

Chet has charted the weather reports, sent to him by mail each day that someone else is Net Control, since the group began. His lifelong interest in weather stems from his location on Cape Cod and his business of boat building and storing. When hurricanes are imminent, Chet keeps the Net posted on the condition of the tides and wind along the shore. Seasonal observations on bird migration and such signs of spring as peepers being heard in the swamp are often included in Chet's reports. His courteous manner and salty wit keep the other "boys" inspired even when receiving conditions are difficult on the air.

When Chet and Doc discovered one morning that they had been pioneers in the field of aviation as well as short radio, during World War I, listeners got an idea that the common Ham phrase "old man" used for everyone on the air from 12 to 102, was perhaps justified here. However the banter which followed showed that this means of communication is for the young in heart no matter what their age. Though many of the New England Weather Net members have never met, the warmth of their friendship and mutual respect sends a glow of happiness into homes all over the listening range.

The first stations reporting to the Net were located in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. It wasn't long before the "boys" picked up a regular "southern correspondent" on the Brooklyn, New York waterfront. Now calls come in from St. Dorothee, Canada and "Norwood, Pennsylvania, eight miles south of Philadelphia, The City of Brotherly Love." The 'Ham' in amateur radio lingo might have come from the operator's histrionic sense as well as from the Old English "ham" meaning *home*. Paul at Chatham, Massachusetts always qualifies his call as coming from 'the elbow of Cape Cod.' The Pennsylvania Ham insists on the entire phrase describing his Norwood, Pa. location.

On the coldest mornings of the year Doc loves to describe his drafty garage "radio shack" where he has to sit on a heater to keep warm enough to handle the radio controls. Burns did a cartoon of him sitting on the heater with icicles dripping off his nose which was passed around by mail with great joy. It didn't shame Doc into fixing up his rig in more comfortable quarters even though his dentist's office was moved from Boston, to a brand new modern building in a neighboring town where he had just bought a new house. The old-timers in short wave radio take pride in their homemade rigs and often refuse to buy modern replacements. Doc was on T.V. at the opening of his new office in a modern medical building but he returned to the air next morning by means of his World War I surplus equipment.

PACIFIC

This New England *by* KATHERINE STANLEY-BROWN

Nantucket, Massachusetts

If you should cross the waters of Nantucket Sound and crawl out on the rigging of Nantucket Island, you would be standing on the bowsprit of America with nothing between you and Portugal but three thousand miles of sky and sea. It is a beautiful little town. Its 450 closely grouped buildings are watched over by conscientious citizens who have negotiated legalized zoning districts, for they know that Nantucket's nostalgic architectural beauty is its main tourist attraction. The Jethro Coffin House, below, constructed in 1686 and restored in 1928, is a fine example of Nantucket's early architecture. At the head of Main Street, the Pacific National Bank, left, is a brick classic whose Doric pilasters and Ionic columns became a model for other houses about town.

Nantucket, which Daniel Webster called "That unknown city in the ocean," is no longer unknown even if not yet large enough to be called a city. About 3,500 winter residents look with mixed feelings when the summer population jumps to about 18,000. These tourists "are On from Off," in Nantucket parlance—meaning On Island from Off Island. Main Street, right, is thronged with cute secretaries from New York, yachtsmen off their boats, whole families who spend the entire summer in cottages about the Island. They buy lavishly from the many shops, visit landmarks such as the Whaling Museum, and are generally hell bent on having a good time. They do.

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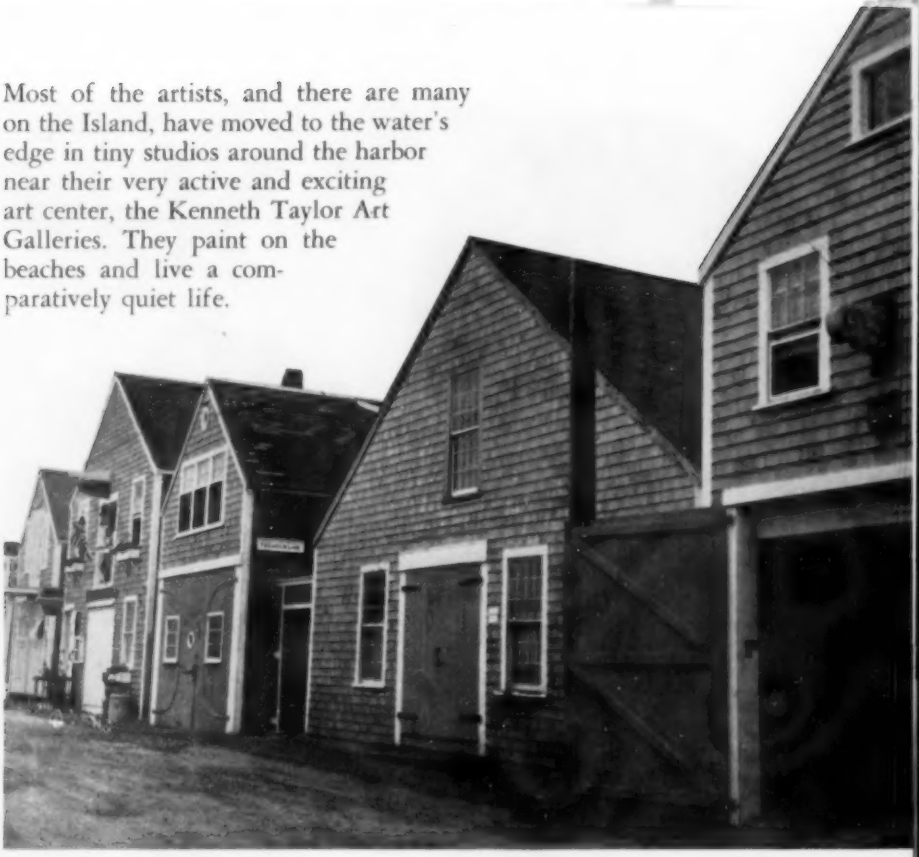
MUSEUM

The Seven Seas Gifts

Most of the artists, and there are many on the Island, have moved to the water's edge in tiny studios around the harbor near their very active and exciting art center, the Kenneth Taylor Art Galleries. They paint on the beaches and live a comparatively quiet life.

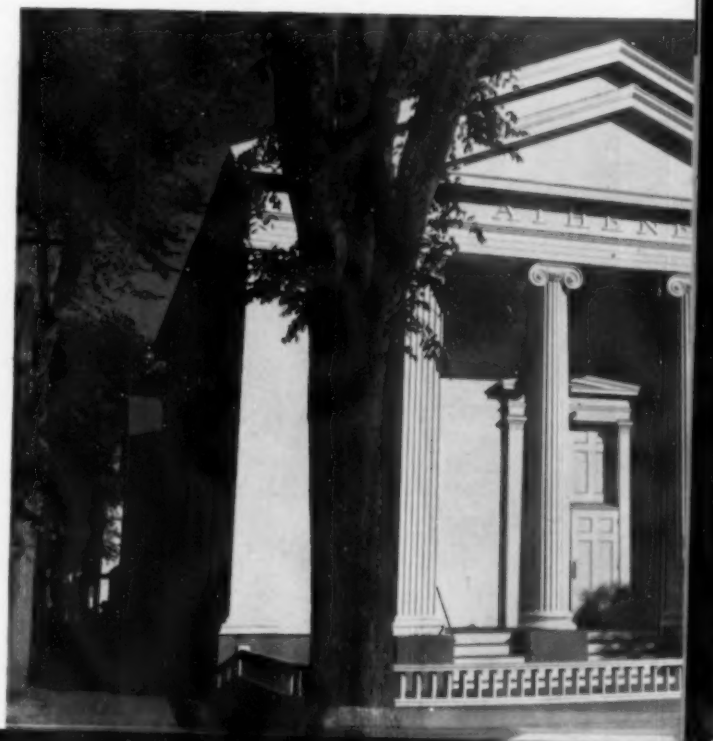


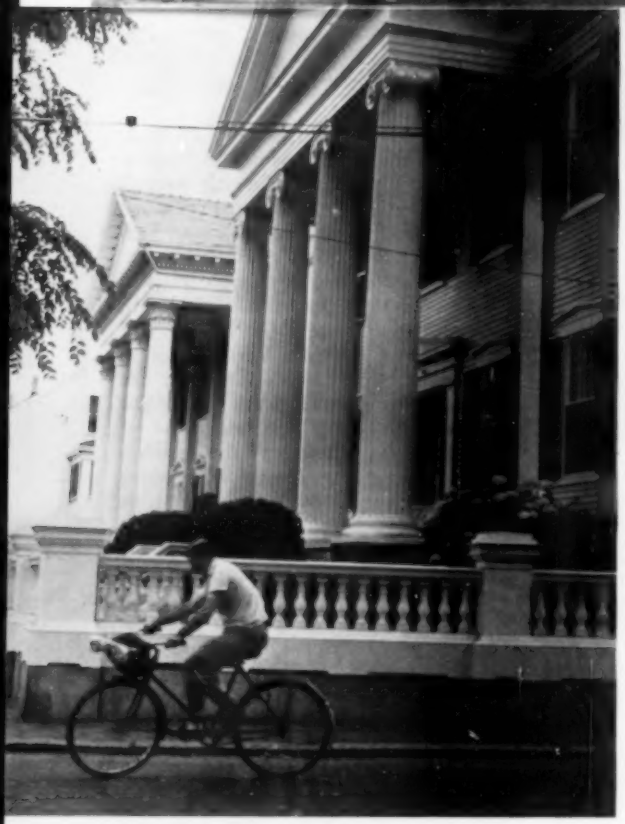
A rose covered cottage in 'Sconset, below, a theatre on a wharf, opposite page, pay tribute to the once famous actor's colony. (YANKEE, June, 1957)

PLEU

STRAIGHT WHARF
THEATRE
BUTTER AND EGG MAN

Pride of Nantucket are the buildings on these pages. "The Three Bricks," right, built by Joseph Starbuck for his sons and the Greek Temples opposite them on Main Street caused Starbuck to exclaim—"Never in my time will there be any building in Nantucket that will express more elegance of living." Indeed, these five houses are the glory of the town. The Neo-Grecian style of architecture shows itself in all types of houses on the island, from the stately Atheneum, right, the oldest library building in the state of Massachusetts, to small private residences such as that at 17 Federal St., opposite page, and those on YANKEE'S cover.





Nantucketers feel a certain responsibility to educate the summer visitor, "for our eyes are at the mercy of our ignorance." For whatever reason the tourist may visit the island, he can scarcely leave without having become aware of art and architecture. The island can never be spoiled, for it is peace, entirely surrounded with water.

CAROLINE PARMENTIER. born in Paris, Army Nurse with Merrill's Raiders, and college graduate, is the only woman Fire Lookout in the U.S. For 6 years she has kept the vigil for "smokes" atop Vermont's high Pico Peak. Tall, attractive, and brunette Caroline lives eight months each year in a one acre world of clouds, wind, and guy wires at the hub of 537 square miles of beautiful Vermont forest. It's a man's job, and "Watching for smokes" is just one important part of the assignment. Keeping the trail clear of fallen trees, maintaining all the facilities of the lookout station, and guarding three steep miles of telephone cable allow little time for frivolous feminine pursuits.

Miss Parmentier likes her job with the Vermont Forestry Service and intends to continue. For companionship she has "Kip" a jet black, stout hearted Labrador Retriever, a cat named Mike, and now "Joe" the newest member of the mountain family, a handsome sacrificial burro! Until the arrival of Joe, Caroline shouldered the heavy supply packs on her back up the mountainside. Kip, with special saddle bags carries his share of food, paint, tools, gasoline and other essentials.

A Fire Lookout's job demands a wide range of capabilities. Knowledge of first aid, map reading, radio communications, meteorology, and the use of optical distance measuring instruments are essential. An orderly mind for planning, and one not given to panic, is an asset. Caroline is Assistant Medical Officer of the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. She also operates a Ground Observer Corp radio relay station and maintains daily radio contact schedule with the Communications Officer in Proctor, Vermont.

Miss Parmentier's southern region in Vermont has been spared any serious fires since she has maintained the station atop Pico. A number of blazes could have become serious if not placed under immediate surveillance and control. Most strange "smokes" rise from unauthorized fires. It's a violation to burn without a permit. Caroline has done her job well!

J. J. HEATLEY

Poetry

Whales Going South

(Seen from the Big Sur Coast)

ERIC BARKER

Like hilltops turning in a cooler green
As if all earthly springs had lacked the rain
To make up for one always submarine,
Wet bash of flukes, drenched echo in the brain;

For one half-wheel of shoulder half immersed
Not growing flowers now nor any weed
But remnants of Sargassos when they burst
On matted sea-lines curving as they feed.

Humping those arcs, to follow and to flail
Out memories of dry seasons when they stood
Anchored in hill-rows, victims of the fail-
ing waves' estrangement to their seas of blood;

To loss of mile-down deeps and rimless tides
In tropic driftings cooled by their own showers,
Dreamed Tritonward when meadows of their sides
Lay earth-becalmed in seas of grass and flowers!

And now relaunched to plow the hill-change deep,
Led by their bulls in endless moonward runs,
Cruising their seaworn cirque, awake, asleep,
Bulging horizons like a school of suns.

Hummingbird

MARION M. MADSEN

What holds him whirring
and pulsing in air,
prism in sunlight
shimmering there?
What intricate workings
lead to his potion
in a small space fixed,
motionless in motion?
Hung out of heaven
all unattended
on invisible strings
like a star suspended!

A Wizard's Recipe For Rain

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Fetch an ember from the fire
And shape it like a candle.
Fan it with a peacock plume
Till cool enough to handle.

Fling it toward the burning sun
For black and coral scarring.
Light a flare for thunder
To prompt the clouds in warring.

Drop two clam shells in a pond
To tickle it to motion;
Pluck four lilies near its edge
And float them on an ocean.

Breathe a vapor on the grass,
Shadowless but graying.
Send a bell-note through the air
To set the willows swaying.

Take the feather, take the flare
And find the shells again;
Fish the lilies from the sea,
Then if you catch no rain

Brush the vapor off the grass,
Make the bell-note halt;
Go follow after thunder
With a little pinch of salt.

Mosquito

OLIVER HALE

Pricking me covertly, you draw my blood
to furnish increase to your own; poor thief,
that counts upon its poverty for food,
and in its value has a firm belief,
not knowing evil compounds there with good,
and joy is thinned out by a solvent grief;
a watery mixture for all your pains,
unfit for any but its native veins.

The hose, neatly coiled, is kept in the cellar. Carried outside, it immediately tangles into a mass of writhing rubber.

Now, try to find the end of the hose to attach a nozzle. This may be at the extreme end or an uncoupled middle section.

by ERIC WAHLEEN

Nobody Knows My

The actual process of lawn watering can become mighty boring. Try spraying bugs. You won't hit 'em, but it's fun trying.

If you are the gambling type you can always send a speculative squirt over the fence—just to see what might happen.

Holes in the hose may show up when you turn on the water. This will be an all-day drizzle, so they better be repaired.

To stop the leak you must either turn off the water and lose the hole, or keep the water running and get thoroughly soaked.

Woes with a Hose!

The results may surprise you. The rest of the day may be spent lawn watering and justifying your bad neighbor policy.

The whole procedure finally becomes too tiresome. The adept gadgeteer can rig up a sprinkling device and retire elsewhere.

One of the popular Mouse Christmas Cards. Each year customers look forward to discovering what new card has been designed.

Mouse Notes depict Marise's mice in everyday occupations, such as shopping at a Mouse Super Market for Maxwell Mouse Coffee.

The Shop That Mice Built

by KATHARINE V. E. LYFORD

THANKS TO THE LILLIPUTIAN charm of a unique little roadside store outside the village of East Sandwich, mid-summer Christmas shopping is now a favorite pastime of vacationers and year-round residents of Cape Cod.

Their first visit is usually inspired by incredulity. Surely the tiny, peak-roofed house weathered silver-grey must be something out of *Alice in Wonderland* or *The Wizard of Oz!* A second glance reveals a sign hung between two poles of white birch—The Christmas Shop. Curiosity roused, motorists pull up to park at the edge of Route 6A, then walk toward the small shop wide-eyed, rather expecting it to disappear like a mirage.

Inside they are greeted not by the White Rabbit or the Tin-and-Wood-Man but by Yvonne Rousseau and Marise Fawsett, friendly owners of the pint-sized store. Sunlight dances through tiny window panes on an enchanting display of diminutive merchandise — hand-carved birds, quaint little music boxes, Christmas angels and Italian creches, painted tiles, key charms and miniature landscapes delicately fashioned of seeds and grasses. Mixed with these attractive gifts are rows of unusual and amusing cards for all occasions, including the famous mouse cards designed by Marise which constantly bring customers back for more.

Marise's mice and their capers are not only popular stock, they have become mascots of a prosperous business which has earned the owners a station wagon, a pretty home, a power press and a heated

Visitors can hardly believe their eyes when they first see The Christmas Shop.

studio for winter work. Plus the perennial joys of living on Cape Cod.

The original idea of having a country gift shop that would be in cozy contrast to the formal chromium-and-plate-glass elegance of big city stores, came to Yvonne and Marise when they were doing war work in a Connecticut factory. The end of the war found them scouting a good location on the Cape. When a friendly farmer told them they could have an old cranberry shed for free if they would move it off his land, the girls thought they had struck a short cut to success. Both agreed that the shed's high pitched roof and its very smallness gave it an appealing fairy-tale flavor. They promptly moved it to a sunny spot at the edge of the Great Salt Marsh.

With its 10 by 13 foot floor space reduced by built-in shelves for displaying gifts and cards, there was little danger of the Christmas Shop ever being confused with a giant Fifth Avenue emporium. Devoted customers found its tiny size so endearing however, that when a 6 foot square ell was added three years ago, they protested vigorously against further additions for fear that the shop might "look like Macy's." Actually the new ell gives another picturesque peak to the roof as well as much needed space for a heater and surplus stock.

Shortly after the shop was first opened, the partners faced an unexpected threat to their infant enterprise—marauding field mice with a taste for expensive chiffon handkerchiefs and dolls' hair

Above: Yvonne and Marise, left and right, put up the sign. Below: Shop's interior.

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(half a dozen blonde beauties were nibbled completely bald before the hirsute theft was discovered.) At that time the shop had not been mouse-proofed as it is today and however often the girls plugged up holes with tight twists of Christmas wrapping paper, rascally rodents worked their way in.

Annoyed but undaunted Marise and Yvonne met this crisis with the practical imagination that has inspired each forward step of their successful business. Like the Fairy Godmother who changed Cinderella's mice into white horses to pull the golden coach, the girls transformed the destructive antics of the mischievous mice into artistic assets. From Marise's sketches of the scampering marauders came the design for the first mouse Christmas card. This she and Yvonne printed on their press and rather tentatively offered for sale. To their surprise (especially that of Marise who had had no formal artistic training but plenty of lively models) the public pounced on the clever card with delight, then stamped-ed the little shop for thousands of reprints. Small wonder that today the ensign of the business stationery of the Christmas shop is a mouse wreathed in holly and the designing of a new mouse Christmas card is a well-established yearly custom!

A favorite attraction inside the shop is the Christmas Stocking Shelf. Small fry and big, stand bemused before the delectable mish mash of miniature toys ranged against a background of Advent Calendars glistening with tinsel-trimmed sleighs, chubby Santas, gnomes, angels and snowy forests. Just right for birthday or un-birthday presents or to bulge the toe of a Christmas stocking, there are dog whistles, tiny tea sets nested in red wooden apples, inch-long mouth organs, miniscule dolls in Guatemalan costumes, farm animals in gay gold mesh bags, puzzles, Japanese water flowers and jumping tops. Gifts on this corner shelf offer a sneak preview of Santa Claus' pack; few customers leave without buying one from it.

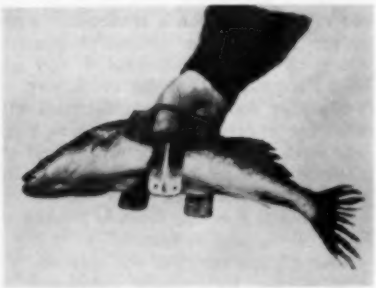
The Christmas Shop is open from Memorial Day until December 24 when the partners put it under wraps for Winter and return to their attractive home on Old Colony Road. There they are welcomed (don't tell the mice!) by Timmy, the purring, possessive pet who is responsible for a cat appearing on this year's Christmas card.

Starting its twelfth year, the Christmas Shop opened as usual on May 31, with many customers-turned-friends appearing to wish Yvonne and Marise continued success.

Old and young exclaimed over the fascinating new stock, hunted out familiar favorites and clamored to know what Marise had designed for this year's holiday mouse. There were sighs of delight over new imported toys and shouts of laughter over Mouse Notes, stationery showing Marise's mice as gardeners, as supermarket shoppers buying Maxwell *Mouse* Coffee, collecting RFD mouse mail or taking a hand at cards with a jovial Falstaffian rodent. Reassured that the Christmas Shop was just as enchanting as ever, the visitors could leave convinced that shopping for the December holidays would still be their favorite summer fun.

Small Business and Crafts

by DAMON RIPLEY



Brust Company's Saf-T-Fish-Grip.

I'm no fisherman, but I must admit I got a chuckle out of this item. It seems the L. Brust Manufacturing Co., 1301 N. 14th Ave., Melrose Park, Illinois, felt sorry for the poor fisherman who had to take a slimey fish off the hook after it was landed. So, they came up with SAF-T-FISH-GRIP, a gadget resembling two sides of a carrot grater which holds the poor fish in viselike grip while you extract the hook. Great whalloping hornpout! What's this world coming to?! So, if you don't like slimey fish, kiddos, send off for this nifty gadget. Two bucks will bring you one from the manufacturer.

I am indebted to Clayton H. Small, at Addison, Maine for the following interesting story.

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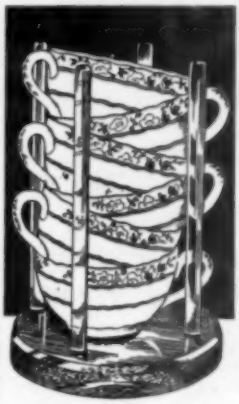

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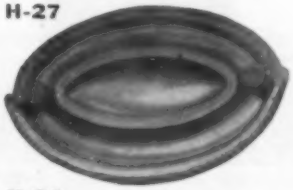

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Richard Orcutt holding his worm hoe.

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The marine worms, called blood worms when dug in the mud, were from three to six inches deep in the hard, sticky flats and the fast digging put a tremendous strain on the four tine hoes, then called splashers, which they used. Sometimes a new hoe would not survive one day of digging.

His shop and garage was equipped with a blacksmith forge, anvil and vise, an acetylene torch and a lathe for turning out the short wood handles. All sorts and makes of iron and steel were tried but nothing found would stand the constant punishment which a hoe had to take.

One day his attention was arrested by a baby carriage on a public dump and the supporting springs gave him an idea. It was more one chance and proved out to be the last try for it was successful. Orcut made a mold of the shape he wanted the tines which were heated in the forge and each one was made in the exact shape of all previous ones. He formed a sturdy back and welded five of the baby carriage spring tines so securely they never break loose and the spring of the tines made the digging easier and the hoes last and last. Even if a tine does break Orcut can replace it in minutes with a new one or even weld in a short end left from a previous job.

His goal was reached again. It was without doubt the best hoe made anywhere and weary diggers soon made a well beaten path to his door. In one summer he made 600 at five fifty each with the requirement that each purchaser bring a baby carriage . .

►Last August, the residents of Hopkington, New Hampshire and those of nearby

Mrs. Leonard Davis demonstrates an Inkle Loom at the Hopkington, N. H. Craft Fair

towns held an exhibition of their craftwork and hobbies. The show was ably directed by Chester F. Wood, and was a great success. Craft exhibitions were held and a variety of crafts were exhibited. This year, Mr. Wood and the good people of Hopkington, are planning a 200th Anniversary Celebration of the First Congregational Church—sometimes called The Meeting House. A part of the United Parish of Hopkington, this building, which, incidentally, has a Paul Revere bell, once housed the New Hampshire legislature. If this celebration is handled as competently as last year's craft show, it will be well worth attending. The dates are August 17th and 18th. Drop in and see how a civic-minded town can really put on a good show!

Another excellent crafts show I visited last year, and which will be repeated this month on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th of this month, is the Vermont Craft Market,

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Speaking of Crafts Shows, I am sorry that I didn't know about the Third Annual Summer Fair and Exhibition of the Maine Arts and Crafts in time to mention it in

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the July issue. Anyhow, I hear this show, held July 25-27 at Kennebunk, Maine was to be a big success and I hope it was. Hope some of our readers got to it.

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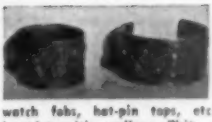

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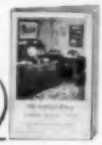

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►*Missouri: Dear Oracle:* My turnips have been bored full of tunnels by some cussed kind of worm. I imagine the crop is a dead loss, isn't it? P.H.

Answer: We doubt it. There are plenty of womenfolks who chop holes in turnips to make 'em cook quicker. Now if somebody was to show up with a specially grown turnip with the holes all drilled, we mistrust that some of 'em would be quite pleased.

►*Min.: Dear Oracle:* Why do people warn of "burning the candle at both ends?" F.N.

Answer: We judge that you don't know much about candles.

►*Mo.: Dear Oracle:* You advised ten-year-old boys to chew tobacco a while ago. The idea is monstrous! You ought to be ashamed! G.M.

Answer: We advised no such thing! We said that to be a successful tobacco-chewer a man had to start at about that age. We didn't say that it was desirable to be a successful tobacco-chewer, we didn't recommend chewing tobacco and we certainly did not advise anyone to do anything! You ought to read with more care.

►*Penn.: Dear Oracle:* Whenever I go through an old village I have to wonder why the practice of church spires pointing to the sky. P.W.

Answer: Pointing 'em in ary other direction never seemed to work out right.

►*Va.: Dear Oracle:* Is there any history or tradition relating to the building of the chimney? E.I.

Answer: Northern Europeans, of let's say, fifteen hundred years ago, built their fires on a sort of stone platform, varying in height. The smoke went out of a hole in the roof. They discovered that by narrowing this hole, and eventually putting a sort of wooden box in it, raising the same above the roof, it helped the draft. You can see examples of this in some of the Scandinavian countries today. Eventually they made the box longer, on the lower end, bringing it nearer and nearer to the fire until they combined the box and the fire-platform. And then, of course, they had to build of stone or brick to keep the cussed thing from burning up!

►*Idaho: Dear Oracle:* You are supposed to be a whaleman. Could a whale have swallowed Jonah? E.S.

Answer: We mistrust that if a whale made up its mind it could swallow a couple of men as easy as you would swallow a liver-pill. Only, nobody ever said that a whale done it.

►*Ore.: Dear Oracle:* I have had some experience in fishing with nets and I just can't imagine fish breaking a seine as the Bible says. R.D.

Answer: We have seen a school of mackerel take a purse-seine right down out of sight and it never came up again either! If the boats hadn't cast off, likely they would have gone too!

►*Nev.: Dear Oracle:* Of the parable of turning water into wine, I have heard many an interpretation. Do you attach more than usual significance to the story? T.F.

Answer: Wine has never appealed to us much. But we have turned water into whiskey many's the time and with good results.

►*Colo.: Dear Oracle:* You claim to know everything. Why does a dog and all his kith and kin bark at the moon? Y.G.

Answer: If you was to light up your face, with a flash-light for example, and then rise up and look over a stone-wall, a dog would bark at you, too. And likely wolves and coyotes.

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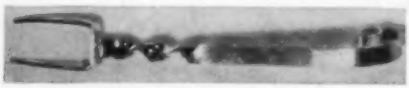

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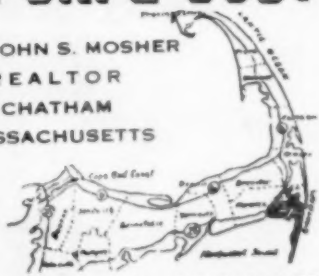

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by DUNCAN MACDONALD

EVEN AS WE ENJOY the delightful picked-ripe flavors of our native fruits and vegetables, we know that summer's bounty will soon pass, and many of us try to stretch it out by canning or freezing.

It may be that we wish to avoid wasting the seasonal surpluses of our backyard gardens or are moved by Yankee thrift to buy when prices are lowest—all of us through the winter months serve home-processed foods with a pride akin to that of the artist.

In addition to thrift and pride, count family *esprit de corps* as one of the values of growing and processing your winter food. Mother, Dad, and the children can all pitch in when the day comes for canning or freezing.

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style, cut the corn from the cob. Do not scrape it. Measure it, and add 1 teaspoon salt and 2 cups boiling water to each quart of corn. Boil for three minutes and then pour the mixture, boiling hot, into hot glass jars. Process pints 55 minutes, quarts 85 minutes, at 10 pounds pressure.

A reader in Maine wrote recently that she was enjoying the summer's clams and had more than she could use. Did I, she asked, know of a good way to put them up? Here is the simple recipe I gave her:

Clams

Scrub, steam and open fresh clams. Save juice. Drop clams into weak salt water. Wash thoroughly, then drop into 1 gallon boiling water containing ½ teaspoon citric acid. Boil 2 minutes. Drain. Pack clams into hot pint jars. Pour juice over clams. Add boiling water, if needed, to cover. Process 70 minutes at 10 pounds pressure.

The above recipe is from the "Blue Book" published by Ball Brothers Company, Muncie, Indiana. I know of no better guide to home canning. The booklet (available through Ball Brothers for 25c) covers home freezing as well as home canning.

If the idea of freezing appeals to you, you might try

Crabs and Lobsters

Prepare crabs and lobsters as for cooking. Drain well and pack into jars especially designed for freezing. Do not add salt or liquid. Screw caps tight.

In Edward Harris Heth's excellent book, "The Wonderful World of Cooking," he devotes an entire chapter to the mysterious excitement surrounding summer canning. Some of YANKEE'S readers will lapse into a pleasing nostalgia as he describes the joys of the dill crock:

"You come in hot and parched from hauling weeds to the compost heap or mowing the lawn and there is the crock like a big, open, restorative fountain to dip into (you never seal up the vegetables in jars—that would be ungenerous), and fish out one of the cool, crunchy, dilly morsels of bean, onion or cauliflower. It

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The Dill Crock

Fill a great crock (leaving room for the vegetables, of course) with a brine made of 10 measures of water to ¾ measure of salt, adding if you wish a small dollop of vinegar, but no more than ¼ measure for each 10 measures of water. Now have a good supply of fresh dill on hand, toss in a few cloves of garlic, but be very modest with these, and then begin packing in the fresh vegetables with generous layers of the dill in between. Try any of the firm vegetables your garden offers. Strange and marvelous things happen to green string beans, for instance, if parboiled only 2 or 3 minutes . . . and then flung into the brine-filled crock. Wax beans are good too, or small raw onions or raw baby carrots. It's fun to experiment. Raw young whole pods of peas emerge sweet and crunchy, as do raw cauliflower florets or cucumber chunks or little finger-size pickles. A handful of grape leaves will do no harm to the flavor of your dill crock either. Nor will a sprig of cherry leaves. And as far away from here as Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts . . . Katharine Cornell has been known to toss a peach or two into hers.

Mr. Heth finds Sweet-Sour Wax Beans a delicacy when preserved according to his recipe:

Sweet-Sour Wax Beans

Cut 2 lbs. wax beans into 1" diagonal pieces. Cover well with water, add salt to taste and boil until just barely tender. Drain, saving the liquor, add to it 1 cup white vinegar, ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon celery seed, a pinch of ginger, 1 teaspoon dried summer savory or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh, and additional water if necessary so that there will be enough liquid to fill the jars. Boil, add the beans, boil up again and seal in jars. Add a small bay leaf to each jar. Serve this nearly

forgotten delicacy with pork instead of apple sauce.

And for those with a sweet tooth I suggest his

Plum and Nut Conserve

Cut up 5 lbs. of ripe blue plums, 1 lb. raisins, a cup of walnut meats and mix with 5 lbs. sugar and the juice and grated rind of two oranges. Let this stand overnight. In the morning, cook until it thickens but don't let it become too thick, about 50 minutes of boiling should do it. Ladle into glasses and seal with paraffin.

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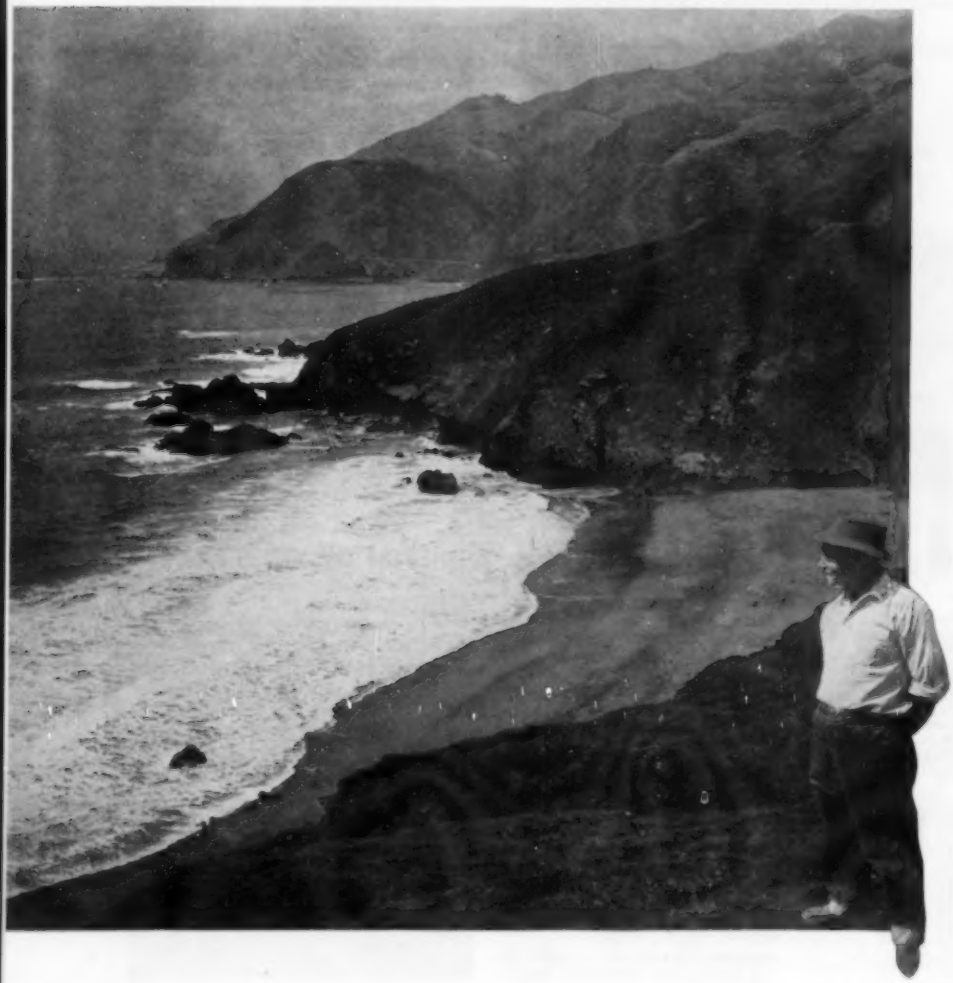
Eric Barker, "the richest man in the world," admires the coastline of the Big Sur.



I HAVE JUST COME HOME after a four-day visit with the richest man in the world.

His name is Eric Barker and he lives at Big Sur. He is a poet. He lives in a one-room house cut into the side of a hill "just big enough for me and the mice." He owns a 1929 Model A Ford, one suit and hundreds of books. He has no telephone, radio or TV. He has a clock but it doesn't run. "How do you know when to get up?" I ask. "When the sun touches my eyes," he replies. He pays no rent or utilities. He earns enough for his needs doing odd jobs and gardening. He works when he feels like it. The rest of the time he writes poetry, or walks over the wild, unspoiled country he has made his own, or looks at the sea boiling against the rocks hundreds of feet below his cliff. Or dreams.

It takes a lot of dreaming to be a good poet, and Eric is one of the best. (See Poetry Page.) In the last two years he has won over $2,000 in prizes. His recent book, *Directions In The Sun,* was awarded the Borestone Mountain $1250 prize for the best book of poems for 1956. It is still in the bank. "What are you going to do with all that money, Eric?" I asked curiously. He grinned. "I'm going to blow every penny of it on a trip home to England!"

Sussex is Eric's birthplace but he left it a long time ago. Its accents linger in his soft speech, however, and it was the sea, bred-in-the-bone, that led him five years ago to desert San Francisco and a good job for the primitive simplicities of Big Sur. He looks like a character out of Dickens: a fringe of gray curls around a bald head; large expressive brown eyes, prominent nose. His short stocky frame and springing step are a familiar sight along the roads and up and down the steep paths of Big Sur. The animals know him too. The deer and crested blue jays, the squirrels and rabbits, the lunar moths, even the big snakes. He carries no violence with him, only compassion and tenderness and a twinkle in the eye.

I had never met Eric before this trip—but we had known each other's poetry, and sometimes that is knowing a good

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deal. When I wrote and asked him if he would show me the inside of Big Sur he said he would be delighted. I drove up the 300 miles from Los Angeles between fields of flowering mustard and wild radish, following (after San Luis Obispo) the famous San Simeon Highway that hugs the narrow strip of coast between the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Pacific. For more than 60 miles I drove at a careful 25 M.P.H., the cliffs falling sharply down to the jagged rocks and sea on my left, the mountains

Barker drinks from a mountain stream.

rising steeply on my right. This is some of the wildest country in California. The few hundred hardy souls at Big Sur ("Sur" means "south," and there is both a Big Sur and a Little Sur River) are mainly artists of one sort or another—painters, sculptors, writers—to whom the scenic grandeur is nourishment for the soul, and the solitude no problem.

Eric, in levis, shirt and scarlet hat, took me on picnics by the river, down the steep slopes of Partington Cove for a closer look at the sea, and to call on local citizens such as novelist Henry Miller and his beautiful wife, Eve; Bill Fassett, who owns Nepenthe, the restaurant as famous for its folk dancing on the terrace, as for its steaks; painter Emil White, up on the roof making repairs; the Wally Goodwins at

home with their three kinetic dachshunds. We stopped to see the Morgenraths but they were out, and Eric scooped up a handful of pebbles and carefully spelled out his name on the bench for a calling card. One memorable afternoon we sat on the terrace at Maud Oakes's (well-known anthropologist) and sipped iced tea and read poetry. She is 1200 feet above the sea, just around the bend from the Millers, and the view in any direction is like a long exhalation of the spirit. Her home is filled with Oriental art objects, and I am sure she is the only one in the world who has the Yang-Yin symbol painted on her garage doors!

At dinner that evening, in honor of Sheila Healey's birthday, Henry Miller wanted to know all about YANKEE—as enthusiastic about everything I had to tell him as he was about our discussion of mysticism, Krishnamurti, and the life of a Tibetan monk! Emotional vitality—how attractive it is in anyone! His new book, *Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch,* just published by New Directions, is causing a stir among his friends, all of whom rate at least a mention.

Four days of another world. Of sleeping under five blankets at Big Sur Inn above a rushing stream, with redwoods just outside the window; of picking wild columbine and sage; of wading in a cold river. I looked a little wistfully at Eric, sitting on a rock, his feet in the water. "You're the richest man in the world, Eric," I told him. He gave me a seraphic smile. "I know it," he said.

His parting gift was a brown paper bag filled with something heavy. Inside was a jar of Big Sur honey, fragrant with the sage I had so recently rubbed between my fingers.

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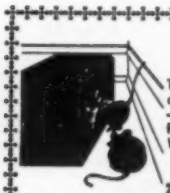

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ANNIE, AGAIN

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YANKEE VISITOR

A recent Yankee resident fellow at Huntington Hartford Foundation, Pacific Palisades, was Bradford Smith, New England's well-known educator and author. His new book for young people, *The Islands of Hawaii,* was just published by J. B. Lippincott. Mr. Smith is Counselor of the American Heritage Project and Director of the International Summer School at Bennington College, Vermont.

GARDEN GOSSIP

You may be relieved to know that the garden looks a mite better. The peach tree is in full leaf, and the branches are beginning to sag with fruit. Those roses I sprayed thanked me by blooming their heads off. In the morning I have to pick a basketful before I go to work. The grapes are climbing over the trellises, and the hibiscus looks happy. August, however,

is a hard month out here. You have summer showers back east; here it doesn't rain for six months. Nice for planning picnics, but rough on the garden and the gardener. I use three hoses for this place night and morning, and still it is a race between me and drought. The best thing about August in Southern California is that you can sleep under blankets at night. Honest.

PATS AND PUNCHES

Some real narsty letters have sparked my daily mail, coupled with equally charming ones. A couple of people cancelled their subscriptions because I didn't buy their verse. A letter from a minister in Amherst, who once lived (oh! so unhappily) in California, says, in a nice way, that I am kidding the public with my exaggerations of California's beauty, that the state is, in fact, nothing but the "land of earthquakes, fires and floods and woes." That gentleman hasn't travelled very far, is all I can say. You can find everything here—every kind of topography, climate, scenery—from desert to lush farmlands, from mountains to beach resorts. That's part of the fascination. Another soul, much more upset about the whole thing, says she isn't going to read about "Hollywood rottenness" in YANKEE. That's right, she isn't. That isn't what I write about. If she'd read this letter every month she'd find out. Ah well, I am soothed by a delightful communication from someone in Phoenix, Arizona who asks that the column please be continued because "most of us who live in the west are displaced New Englanders and we believe that it is fitting and stimulating that our seacoast areas should keep in touch with each other." Another from New Hampshire says she especially enjoys "the letters from the lady in California." Best of all was the comment from a reader in South Carolina: "Your California letters make delightful reading. No one else does that sort of thing so well, or at least I can't remember anyone that does. A fine thing for both New England and California."

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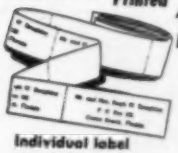

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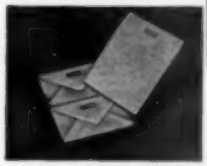

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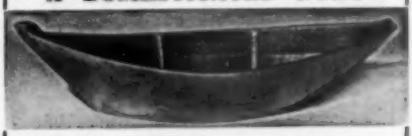

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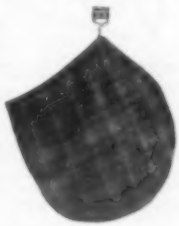

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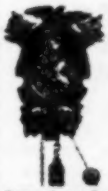

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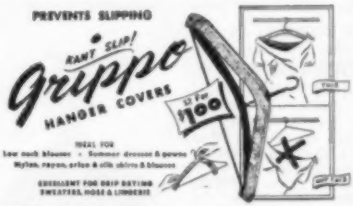

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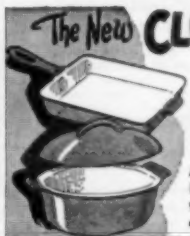

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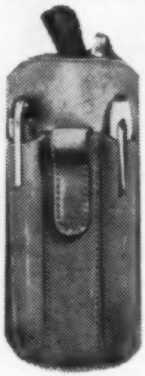

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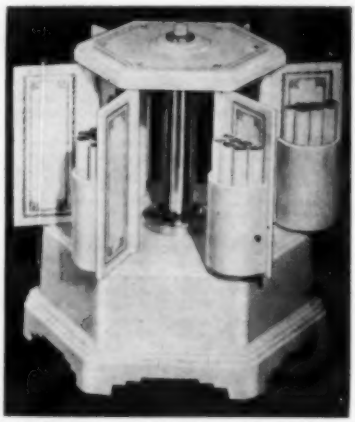

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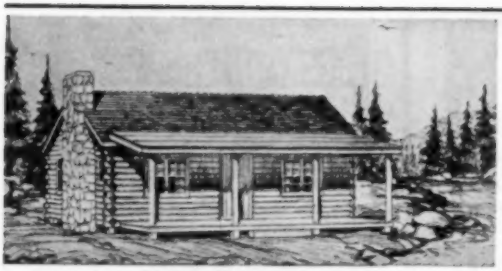

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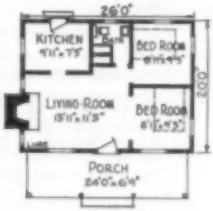

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